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MESSAGE

Of the LORDS and COMMONS
of the Parliament of *England*,
Assembled at *Westminster*,

To his Majesty, now at his Court, at
Holmby-House;

For a firme and well grounded Peace in *England*, and
prosecution of the affaires in *Ireland*.

Die Jovis 1647.

*It is this day Ordered, that this Message for a
firme and well grounded Peace for England, and
for the prosecution of the affaires in Ireland, be
forthwith Printed and Published according to Or-
der of Parliaments.*

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A Message of the Lords and Commons, of the Parliament of England,
Assembled at Westminster,

Sent to his Majesty, for a safe and well grounded Peace.

May it please your Majesty;

WE the Lords and Commons Assembled in the Parliament of England, in the name and on the behalfe of the Kingdome of England and Ireland, and the Commissioners of the Parliament of Scotland, in the name, and on the behalfe of the Kingdome of Scotland, Doe humbly present unto your Majesty the humble desires and Propositions for a safe and well grounded Peace, agreed upon by the Parliaments of both Kingdomes respectively: Unto which we doe pray your Majesties Assent:

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And that they and all such Bills as shall be tendered to your Majesty in pursuance of them, or any of them, may be Established and Enacted for Statutes and Acts of Parliament, by your Majesties Royall Assent in the Parliaments of both Kingdomes respectively.

That Reformation of Religion, according to the Covenant, be settled by Act of Parliament, in such maner as both Houses have agreed, or shall agree upon, after consultation had with the Assembly of Divines.

That the King do give his Royall Assent to an Act for the due observation of the Lords day.

And to the Bill for the suppression of Innovations in Churches, and Chappels, in and about the Worship of God &c.

And for the better advancement of the preaching of Gods holy Word in all parts of this Kingdome.

And to such Act or Acts for raising of monies for the payment and satisfying of the Publique Debts and Damages of the Kingdome, and other publique uses, as shall hereafter be agreed on by both Houses of Parliament; And if the King doe not give his Assent thereunto, then it being done by both houses of Parliament, the same shall be as valid to all intents and purposes, as if the Royall Assent had been given therunto.

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That his Majesty, according to the laudable example of His Royall Father, of happy memory, may be pleased to sweare and signe the late solemne League and Covenant ; And that an Act of Parliament be passed in both Kingdomes respectively, for enjoyning the taking therof by all the Subjects of the three Kingdoms ; and the Ordinances concerning the manner of taking the same in both Kingdomes, be confirmed by Acts of Parliament respectively, with such penalties, as by mutuall advice of both Kingdomes shall be agreed upon.

That His Majesty give assurance of His consenting in the Parliament of *Scotland*, to an Act, acknowledging and ratifying the Acts of the Convention of Estates of *Scotland*, called by the Counsell and Conservers of the Peace, and the Commissioners for the common burthens, and asscimbled the 22 day of June 1643. and severall times continued since ; and of the Parliament of that Kingdome since convened.

That the Lords and Commons in the Parliament of *England* assembled, shall during the space of twenty yeeres from the first of July 1646. Arme, Train, and Discipline, or cause to be Armed, Trained, and Disciplined, all the forces of the Kingdomes of *England* and *Ireland*, and Dominion of *Wales*, the Isles of *Guernsey*, and *Jersey*, and the Towne of *Berwick upon Tweed*, already raised both for Sea and Land service, and shall from time to time during the said space of twenty years, Raise, Levy, Arme, Train, and Discipline, or cause to be Raised,

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Levied, Armed, Trained, Disciplined, or any other Forces for Land or Sea service in the Kingdome, Dominions, and places aforesaid, as in their judgements they shall from time to time during the said space of twenty yeares thinke fit, and appoint; and neither the King, his Heires, or Successors, nor any other but such as shall Act by the Authority or approbation of the said Lords and Commons, shall during the said space of twenty yeares, exercise any of the powers aforesaid.

And if any Person shall be gathered or Assembled together in warlike manner, or otherwise to the number of 30 persons, and shall not forthwith disband themselves being required thereto by the said Lords and Commons, or any Command from them, or any of them, especially Authorised for that purpose: then such person and persons not so disbanding themselves, shall be guilty and incurre the paines of High Treason, being first declared guilty of such offence, by the said Lords and Commons; any Commission under the Great Seal or other warrant to the contrary notwithstanding.

That *Algernon Earle of Northumberland, John Earle Ratland, Philip Earle of Pembroke and Mountgomery, Theophilus Earle of Lincole, James Earle of Suffolk, Robert Earle of Warwick, Edward Earle of Manchester, Henry Earle of Stanfورد, Francis Lord Dacres, Philip Lord Wharton, Francis Lord Willoughby, Dudley Lord North, John Lord Hunsdon, William Lord Gray, Edward Lord Howard of Effrict, Thomas Lord Bruce, Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, Mr. Nathaniel Fienes, Sir Philip Stapil-*

ton, Sir Henry Vane senior, Master William Pierpoint, Sir Edward Aiscough, Sir William Strickland, Sir Arthur Hesilrig, Sir John Fennick, Sir William Brereton, Sir Thomas Widdrington, Master John Toll, Master Gilbert Millington, Sir William Constable, Sir John Wray, Sir Henry Vane junior, Master Henry Darley, Oliver Saint John Esquire, His Majesties Solicitor Generall, Master Alexander Rigby, Master Cornelius Holland, Master Samuel Vassell, Master Peregrin Pelham, John Glyn Esquire, Recorder of London, Master Henry Marten, Master Alderman Hoyle, Master John Blakiston, Master Serjeant Wilde, Master Richard Barwic, Sir Anthony Irby, Master Ashurst, Master Bellingham, and Master Tolson; Members of both Houses of the Parliament of England, shall be the Commissioners for the Kingdome of England for conservation of the Peace between the two Kingdoms to act according to the Powers in that behalfe exprest in the Articles of the large Treaty, and not otherwise.

That by Act of Parliament, all Peers made since the day, that Edward Lord Littleton, then Lord Keeper of the great Scale, was surreptitiously conveyed away from the Parliament; being the 21. day of May, 1642: And who shall be hereafter made, shall not sit or vote in the Parliament of England, without consent of both Houses of Parliament: since the 20 of May 1642. being the day that both Houses declared: That the King seduced by c-
vill counsell, intended to raise War against the Parlia-
ment, be declared Null and Void.

That the late Members, or any who pretended themselves late Members of either House of Parliament, who have not only deserted the Parliament, but have also sat in the unlawfull Assembly at *Oxford*, called or pretended by some to be a Parliament, and Voted both Kingdomes Traytors, and have not voluntarily rendered themselves before the last of October, 1644. be remooved from His Majesties Counsells, and be restrained from comming within the Verge of the Court. And that they may not without advice and consent of both Kingdomes, beare any Office, or have any employment concerning the State or Common-Wealth : And in case any of them shall offend therein, to bee guilty of high Treason, and incapable of any Pardon by his Majesty, and their estates to be disposed as both Houses of Parliament in *England*, or the Estates of the Parliament of *Scotland* respectively, shall think fit.

That two full parts in three, to be divided of all the Estates of the Members of either House of Parliament, who have not only deserted the Parliament, but have also Voted both Kingdomes Traytors, and have not rendered themselves before the first of December 1645. shall be taken and employed for the paiment of the publique debts and damages of the Kingdome.

These Persons of all others, to be free of all personall censure, notwithstanding any Act, or thing done in, or concerning this War, they taking the Covenant.

That

That the Persons , and Estates of all common Souldiers, and others of the Kingdome of England, who in Lands or Goods be not worth two hundred pounds sterlⁱng : And the Persons and Estates of all common Souldiers and others, of the Kingdome of Scotland , who in Lands or Goods bee not worth one hundred pounds sterlⁱng, be at liberty and discharged.

That an Act of Parliament be passed, to declare and make void the cessation of Ireland, and all treaties & conclusions of Peace, or any Articles thereupon with the Rebels , without consent of both Houses of Parliament. And to settle the prosecution of the Warre of Ireland in both Houses of the Parliament of England, to be managed by them ; and the King to assist, and to do no act to discountenance or molest them therein.

That Reformation of Religion according to the Covenant, be settled in the Kingdome of Ireland, by A^tc of Parliament , in such maner as both Houses of the Parliament of England have agreed or shall agree upon , after consultation had with the Assembly of Divines here.

That no Citizen of the City of *London*, nor any of the Forces of the said City, shalbe drawn forth or compelled to goe out of the sayd City or Liberties thereof, for military service, without their owne free consent.

That an A& be passed for the granting and confirming of the Charters, Customes, Liberties, and Franchises of the City of *London*, notwithstanding any Nonuser, Misuser, or Abuser.

That all grants of Offices, Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments made, or passed under the great Seale of *Ireland*, unto any person or persons, Bodies politique or Corporate, since the cessation made in *Ireland*, the 15 day of September 1643, shalbe Null, and void, And that all Honours and Titles conferred upon any Person or Persons in the said Kingdome of *Ireland*, since the said Cessation, shall be null and voyd.

That by A& of Parliament in each Kingdome respectively, all Oathes, Declarations, and Proclamations heretofore had, or hereafter to be had against both or either of the Houses of Parliament of *England*, the Parliament of the Kingdome of *Scotland*, and the late Convention of E-

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states in *Scotland*, or Committees flowing from the Parliament or Convention in *Scotland*, or their Ordinances and proceedings ; or against any for adhering unto them ; or for doing or executing any Office, Place, or Charge, by any Authority derived from them. And all Judgments, Indictments, Outlawries, Attainers, and Inquisitions, in any of the said Causes; and all Graunts thereupon made or had , or to be made or had, be declared Null, suppressed, and forbidden. And that this be publiquely intimated in all Parish Churches within His Majesties Dominions , and all other Places needfull.

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